of Climate Change on Runoff of a Glacierized Himalayan Basin (Dokriani Glacier Basin) (d) Effect of Climatic Variation on Runoff Regime of River Chenab (e) Changes in Rainfall and relative humidity in different river basins in the Northwest and Central India.

**Under recoveries of OMC**

*112. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are to recover their so-called under recoveries;

(b) whether the term 'under recoveries' is shown in profit and loss account of petroleum companies; and

(c) the details of the figure of Rs.2,45,000 crore shown as losses for public consumption and under recoveries in official records?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (c) The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) pay Trade Parity price to refineries for buying Petrol/Diesel and Import Parity Price for PDS Kerosene/ Domestic LPG. The actual retail selling prices (RSPs) of these products are, however, modulated by the Government in order to protect the interests of the consumers. The difference between the required price based on Trade Parity / Import Parity and the actual RSPs realized represents the under-recoveries of the OMCs.

The under-recoveries, as computed above are different from the actual profits and losses of the OMCs *as per* their published results. The latter take into account other income streams like dividend income, pipeline income, profits from freely priced products and refining margins in the case of integrated companies.

In June 2008, the under-recoveries of the OMCs on the sale of the abovesaid four sensitive petroleum products were estimated at Rs.2,45,305 crore for 2008-09 based on the then international oil prices and the RSPs prevailing before 5th June, 2008, as per the details given below:

(Rs. crore)

| Petroleum Products | Under-Recoveries |
|---|---|
| Petrol | 25,000 |
| Diesel | 1,55,264 |
| PDS Kerosene | 39,026 |
| Domestic LPG | 26,015 |
| TOTAL : | 2,45,305 |

The fall in the international oil prices has, however, provided some relief to the OMCs. The gross under-recoveries for 2008-09, which were projected at Rs.2,45,000 crore in June 2008, are now estimated to come down to around Rs. 1,03,908 crore.

In the revised Burden Sharing Mechanism for 2008-09, Government has decided that after accounting for contributions from the Public Sector Upstream Oil Companies of Rs.32,000 crore, the

remaining under-recovery during the year 2008-09 would be compensated through issue of Oil Bonds by the Government.

**Production and marketing of coal bed methane**

*113. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain coal blocks have been awarded to various agencies *viz.* Great Eastern Energy Corporation (GEEC), Essar Exploration & Products Ltd. (EEPL) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) etc. to explore the availability of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) in various coal-fields under Coal India Ltd. (CIL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof, the CBM potential of each of the blocks and the present status with regard to production and marketing of CBM?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Government of India has awarded 26 Coal Bed Methane (CBM) blocks so far to different companies. Details of CBM blocks awarded along with their present status is given in the Statement (*See* below). The Commercial Production of Coal Bed Methane commenced in Raniganj block since July 2007. The current production of CBM is about 68000 Standard Cubic Meter per Day (SCMD). The Gas is being sold to local Industries and also being utilized as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

***Statement***

*Details of CBM blocks awarded by the Government to different companies*

*Company-wise Status of CBM Blocks as on January, 2009*

| Sl. No. | Coal Field | Block Name | Consortium (Participating of Interest) PI % | Date signing | Area (Sq. KM) | Resource Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | **On Nomination Basis** | | | | |
| 1 | Raniganj North | Raniganj North | Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (74) & Coal India Ltd. (26) | 6.2.2003 | 350 | 43 | Exploration Stage |
| 2 | Jharia | Jharia | Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (90) & Coal India Ltd. (10) | 6.2.2003 | 85 | 85 | Exploration Stage |
| | | | **Awarded through Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) route** | | | | |
| 3 | Raniganj South | Raniganj South | Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd. (100) | 31.5.2001 | 210 | 28 | Reserves established: 38.78 BCM |